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THE
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THE HEDGEHOG



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PLUS:

WHAT TO DO
WHEN THE
WORLD THINKS
YOU'RE DEAD--
"AFTERLIFE:
PART ONE"
GIVES
KNUCKLES
THE ANSWERS



THIS IS WHAT
IT SOUNDS
LIKE WHEN
MONGEES
SING—MINA
DOES HER
OWN MIKE
CHECK IN
"SONGBIRD"





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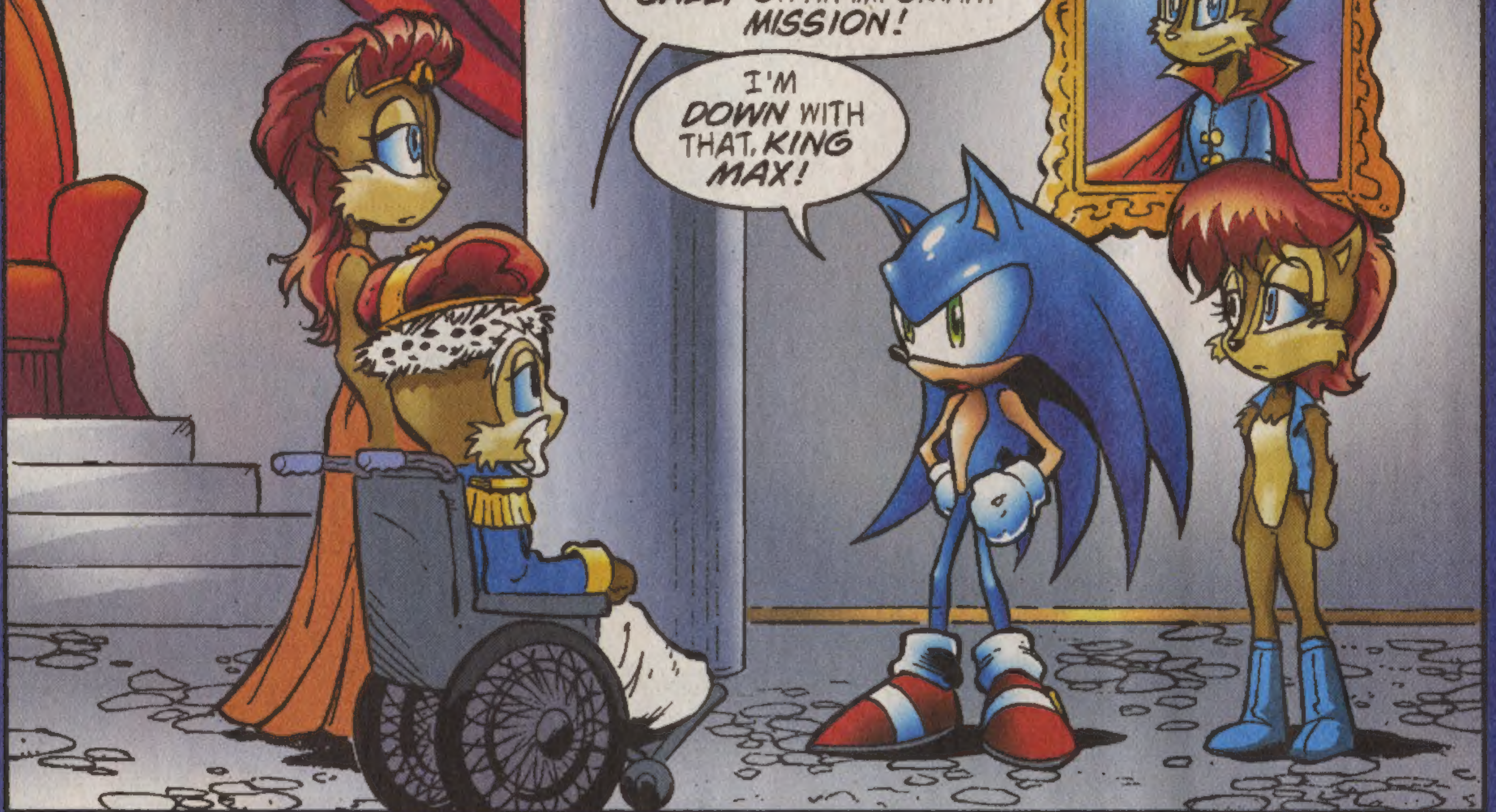
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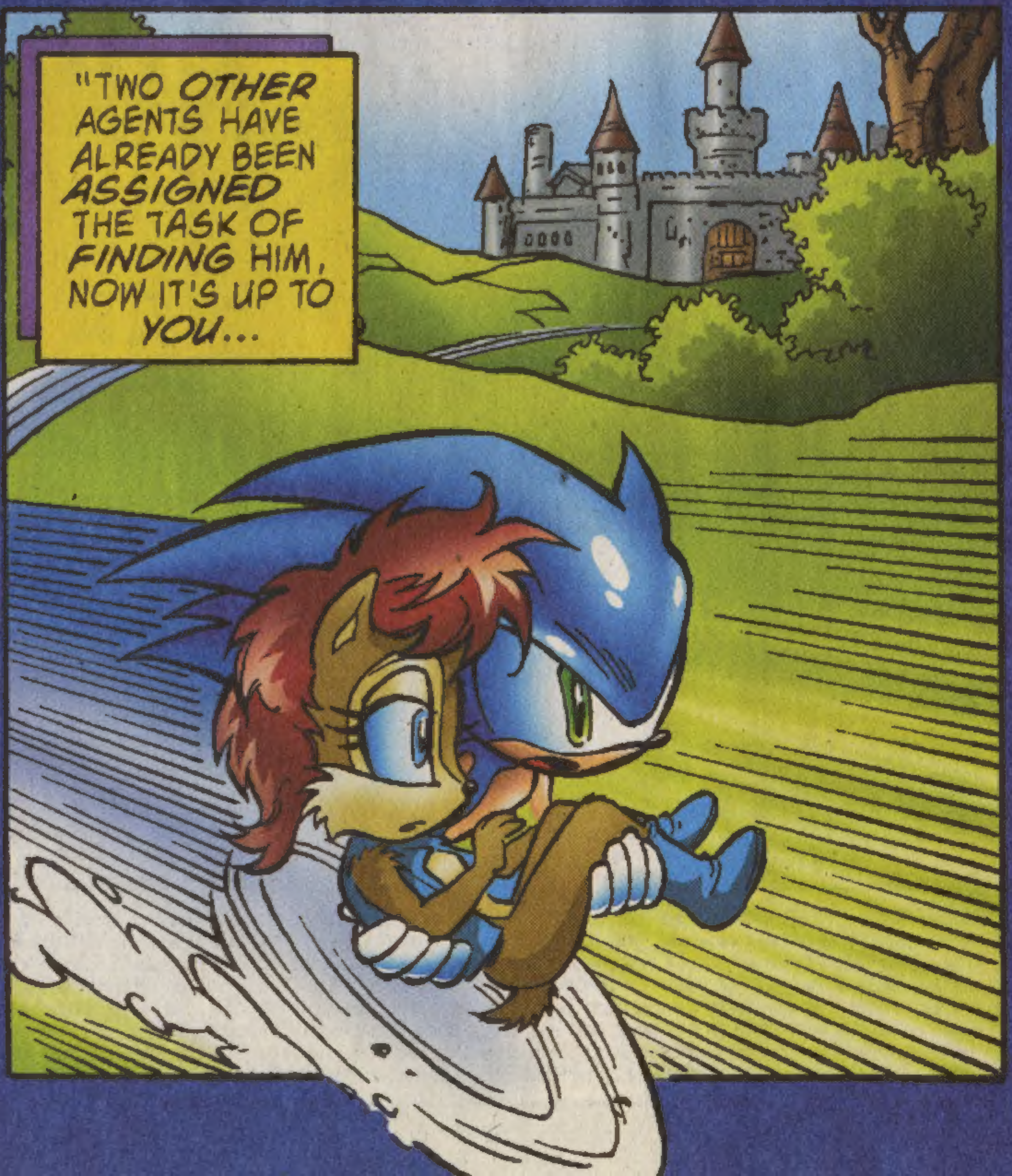
WE'VE SUMMONED
YOU TO ASSIST PRINCESS
SALLY ON AN IMPORTANT
MISSION!

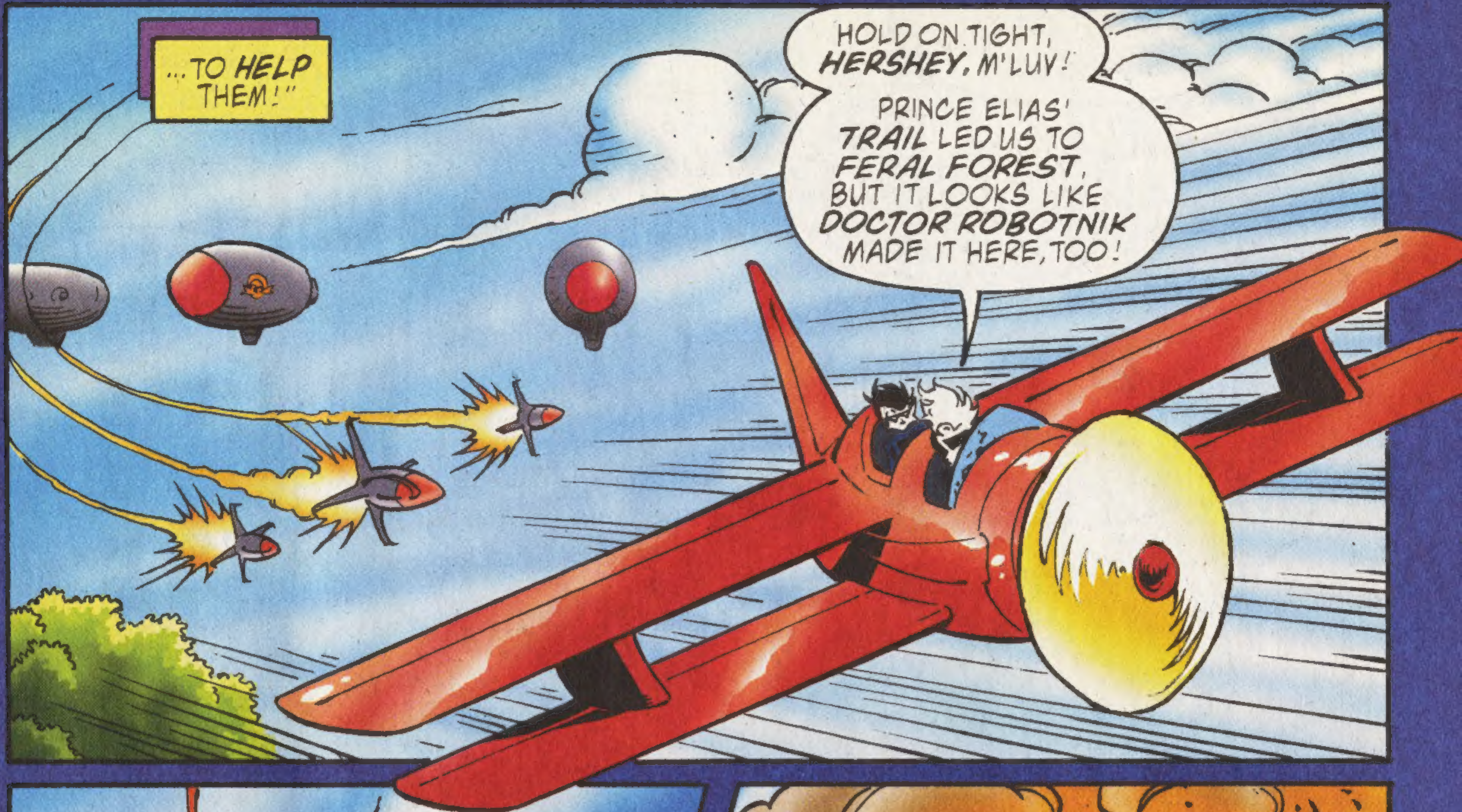
I'M
DOWN WITH
THAT, KING
MAX!



QUEEN ALICIA
AND I FEEL THAT SALLY'S
BROTHER, ELIAS, HAS BEEN
AWAY FROM THE KINGDOM
FOR FAR TOO LONG.

"TWO OTHER
AGENTS HAVE
ALREADY BEEN
ASSIGNED
THE TASK OF
FINDING HIM,
NOW IT'S UP TO
YOU..."

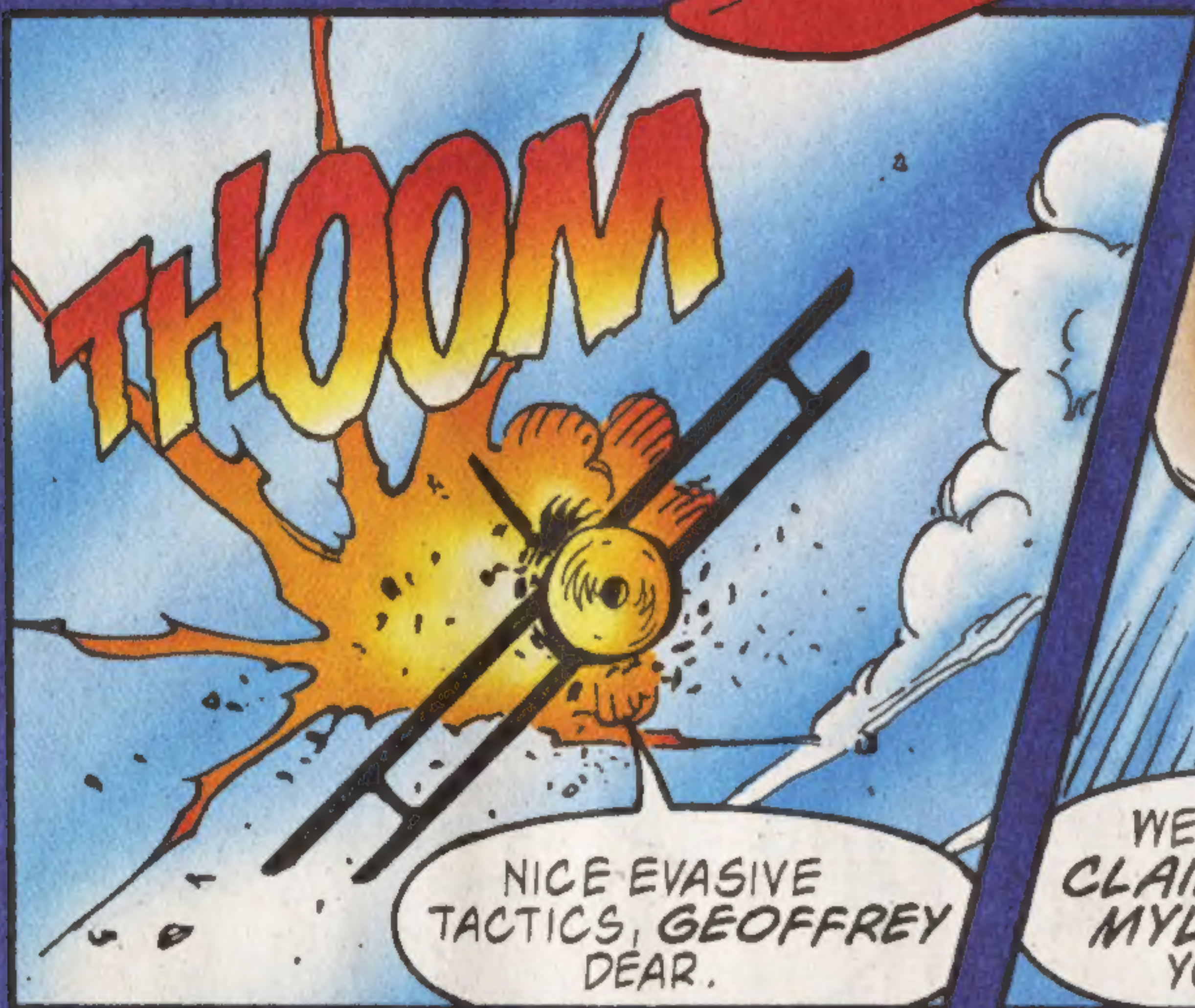




...TO HELP THEM!"

HOLD ON TIGHT, HERSHEY, M'LUV!

PRINCE ELIAS' TRAIL LED US TO FERAL FOREST, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE DOCTOR ROBOTNIK MADE IT HERE, TOO!



NICE EVASIVE TACTICS, GEOFFREY DEAR.



WELL, I NEVER CLAIMED TO BE MYLES PROWER, YOU KNOW...



"WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY LANDING!"

SO, HOW'S YOUR DAUGHTER DOING, JOSS?

MEG'S DOING REALLY WELL, GRIFFIN, OL' BOY! DOC STORK SAID THE BABY'S GONNA BE HERE ANY DAY NOW AND--



HEY! WHERE ARE THE REST OF THE FOREST FOLK HEADED TO IN SUCH A HURRY?

THERE'S BEEN A PLANE CRASH!



BE CAREFUL, DAD!

MEG, WE'RE GOING TO SEE WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!



A PLANE CRASH?



SOUNDS SERIOUS.



CHUNKT

I'D BETTER TELL MY HUSBAND.

ELI?

YES, MEG? WHAT IS IT, DARLING?

I'M NOT SURE.

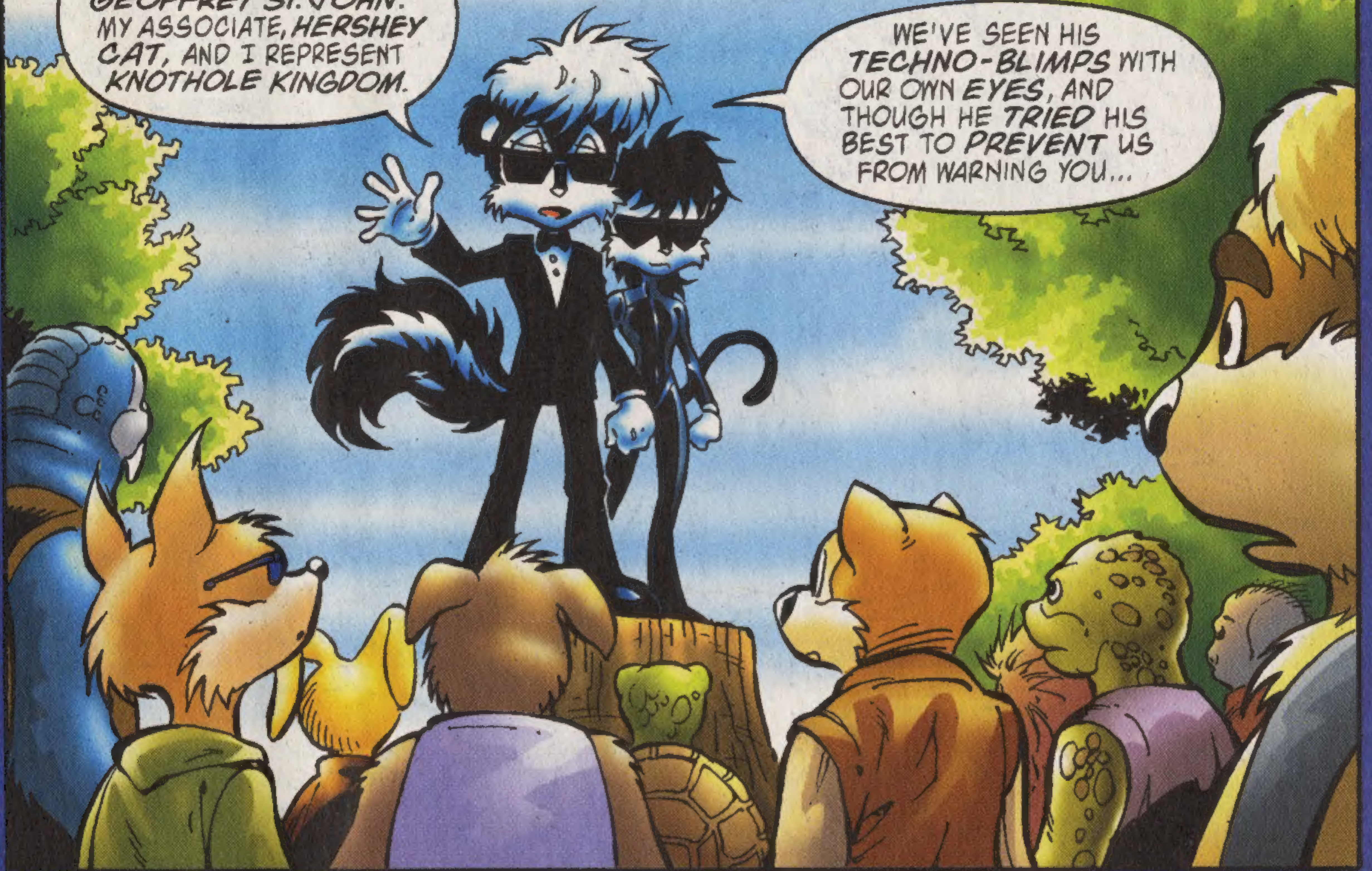
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THE PRINCE & THE REVOLUTION

CHAPTER 2

DENIZENS OF
FERAL FOREST, I AM
GEOFFREY ST. JOHN.
MY ASSOCIATE, HERSHEY
CAT, AND I REPRESENT
KNOTHOLE KINGDOM.

WE'VE SEEN HIS
TECHNO-BLIMPS WITH
OUR OWN EYES, AND
THOUGH HE TRIED HIS
BEST TO PREVENT US
FROM WARNING YOU...



...THE EVIL
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK
INTENDS TO *INVAD*
YOUR LANDS!

ARE YOU WILLING
TO STAND AND DEFEND
EVERYTHING YOU
LOVE? WHAT WE'RE
ASKING IS...

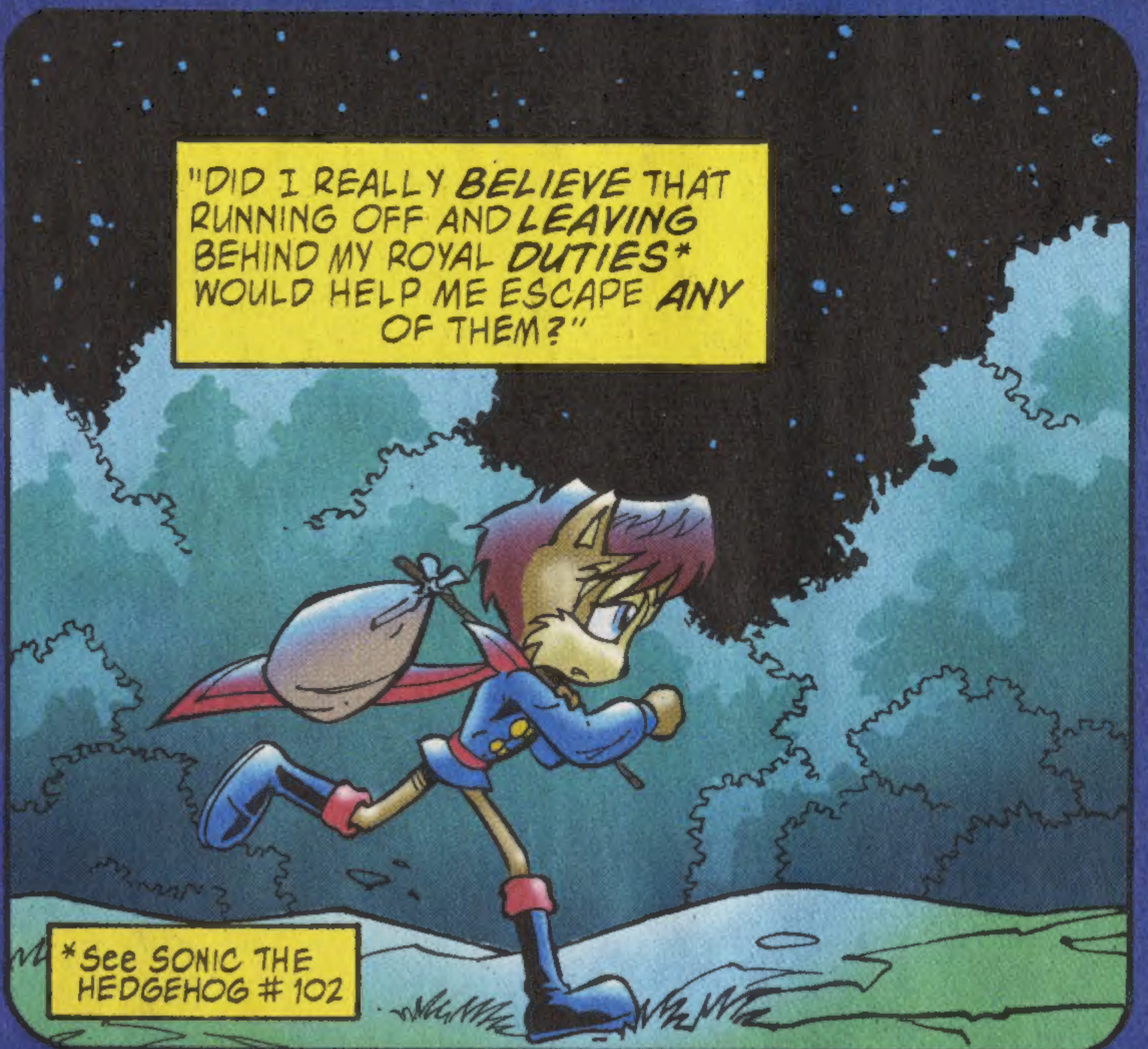


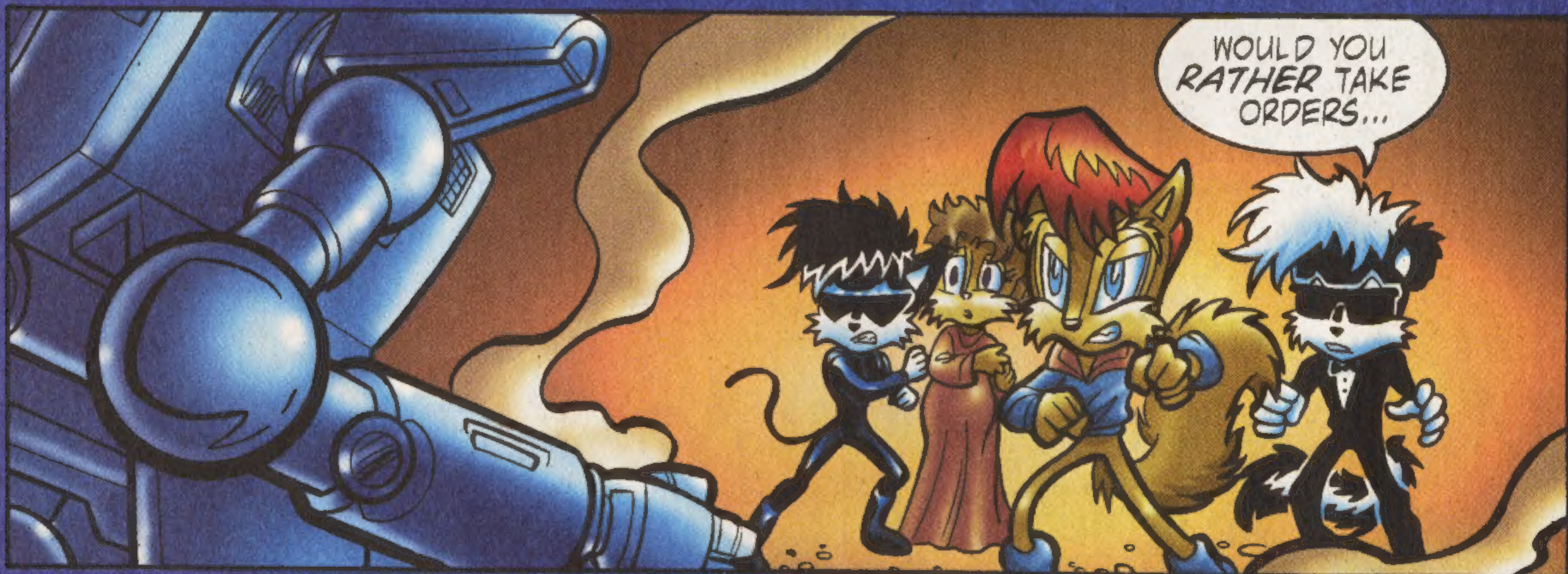
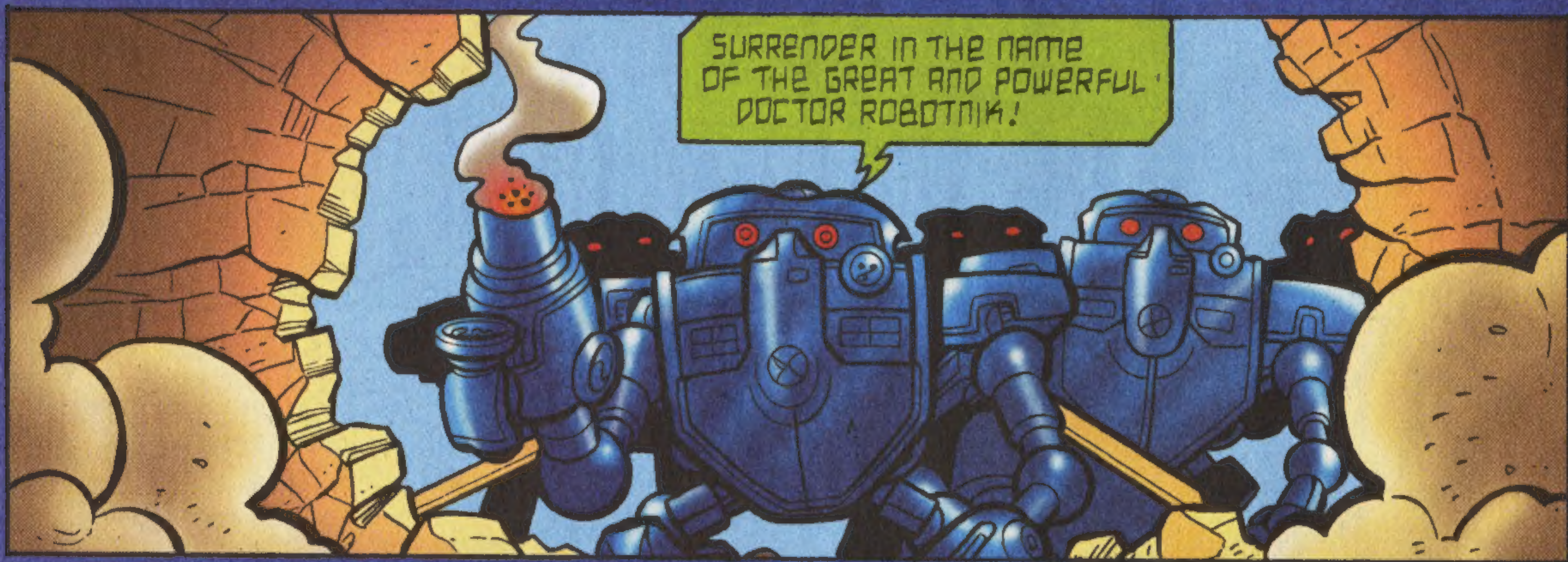
...ARE
YOU READY TO
FIGHT?

TYPICAL.



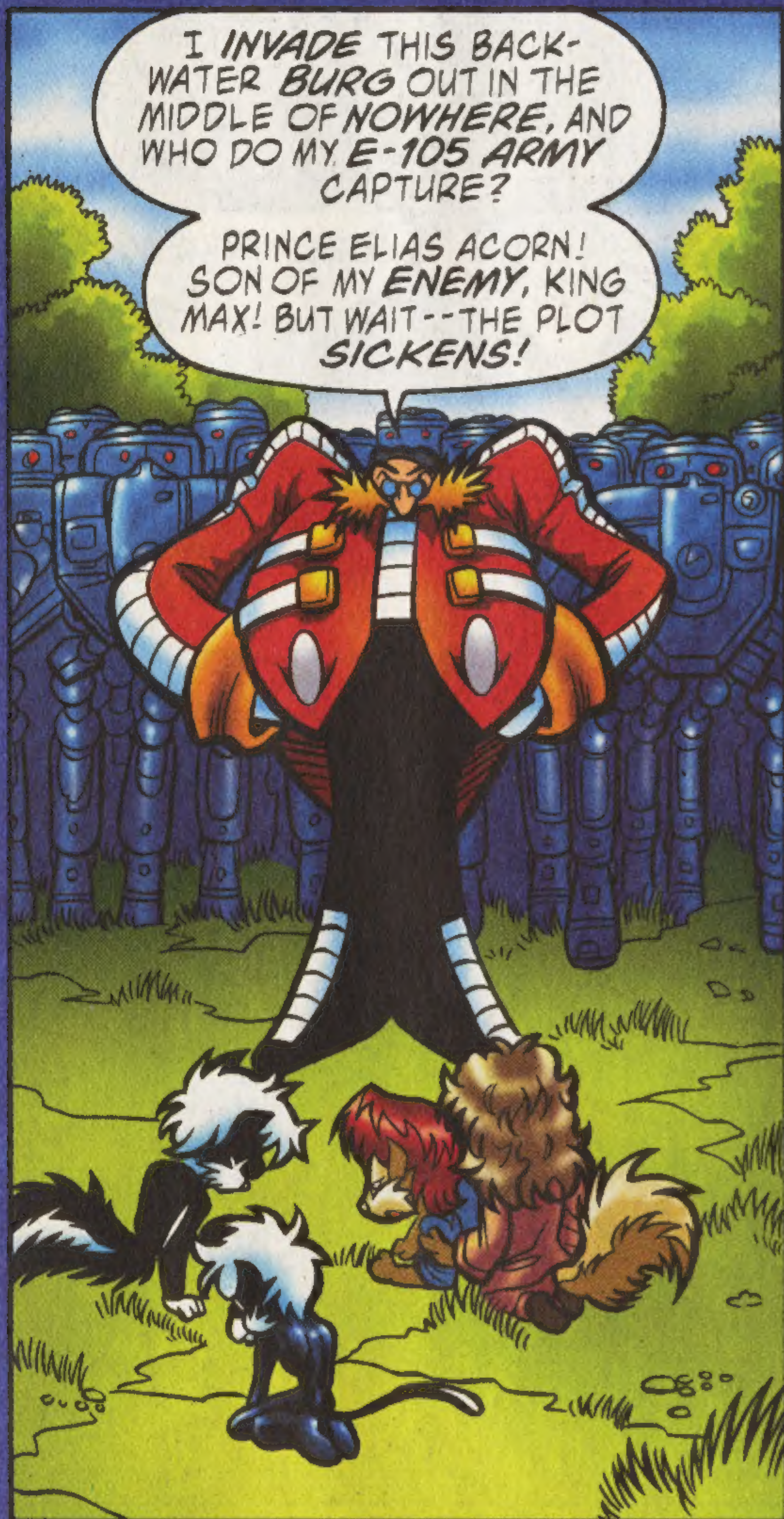








WELL, WELL
TALK ABOUT FINDING
A **SECRET TOY**
SURPRISE IN THE
BOX!



I **INVADE** THIS BACK-
WATER **BURG** OUT IN THE
MIDDLE OF **NOWHERE**, AND
WHO DO MY **E-105 ARMY**
CAPTURE?

PRINCE ELIAS ACORN!
SON OF MY **ENEMY**, KING
MAX! BUT WAIT--THE PLOT
SICKENS!



I **ALSO** GET THE
PRINCE'S **BRIDE** AND MAX'S
UNBORN **GRANDCHILD**
IN THE **BARGAIN!**



WHO'S
GOT IT **BETTER**
THAN ME?



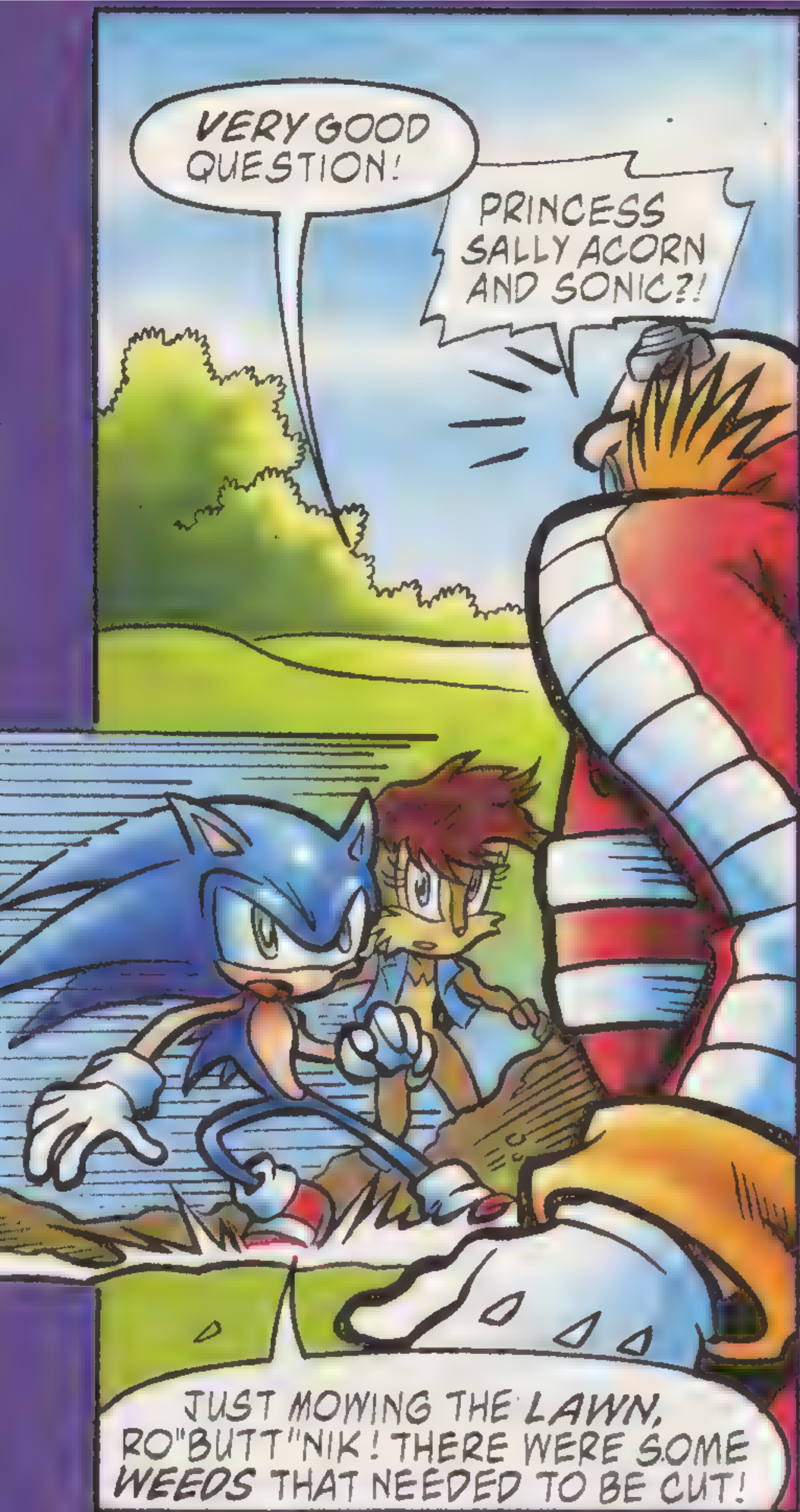
WHA--?

BZZT

KRASH

BZZT

KRASH





WE HAVE GATHERED
HERE TODAY TO PAY FINAL
TRIBUTE AND LAST
RESPECTS TO OUR
FALLEN SON

KNUCKLES

THE ECHIDNA

WHO SACRIFICED
HIMSELF FOR THE GOOD
OF THE MANY!

AFTERLIFE

Part One

IN WHICH THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
COMMEMORATE THE DEARLY DEPARTED--
KEN PENDERS-SCRIPT & INKS
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VICKIE WILLIAMS-LETTERER
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--IN RECALLING THE LIFE AND TIMES OF
SEGA'S EMBATTLED ECHIDNA!

AND YET, THOUGH
HIS ACTIONS WERE THE
ULTIMATE MEASURE OF
HIS DEVOTION TO
OTHERS--

--KNUCKLES
TOUCHED THE LIVES
OF EVERYONE MORE
THAN WE'LL EVER
KNOW!

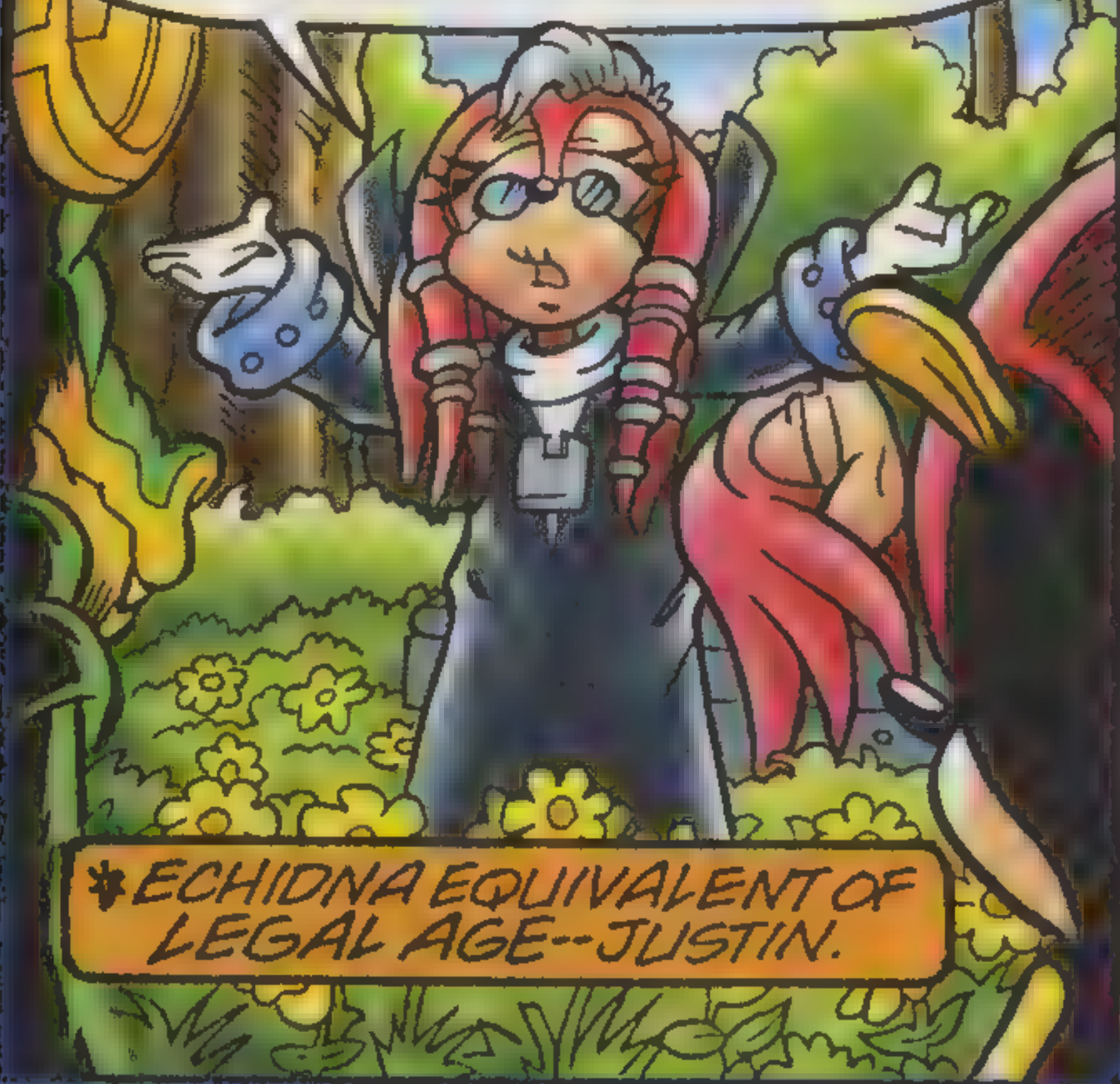
I CAN'T
HANDLE THIS,
GUYS!

MY
MAIN
MAN--
HE'S--
HE'S--

IT'S OKAY,
VEC!

AFTER
WHAT HE'S
BEEN THROUGH!

THOUGH ONLY OF REASONING STATUS* A FEW MONTHS AGO, THIS PROUD MAN-CHILD OF ECHIDNAPOHUS EXPERIENCED MORE THAN MOST OTHERS DO IN A LIFETIME!



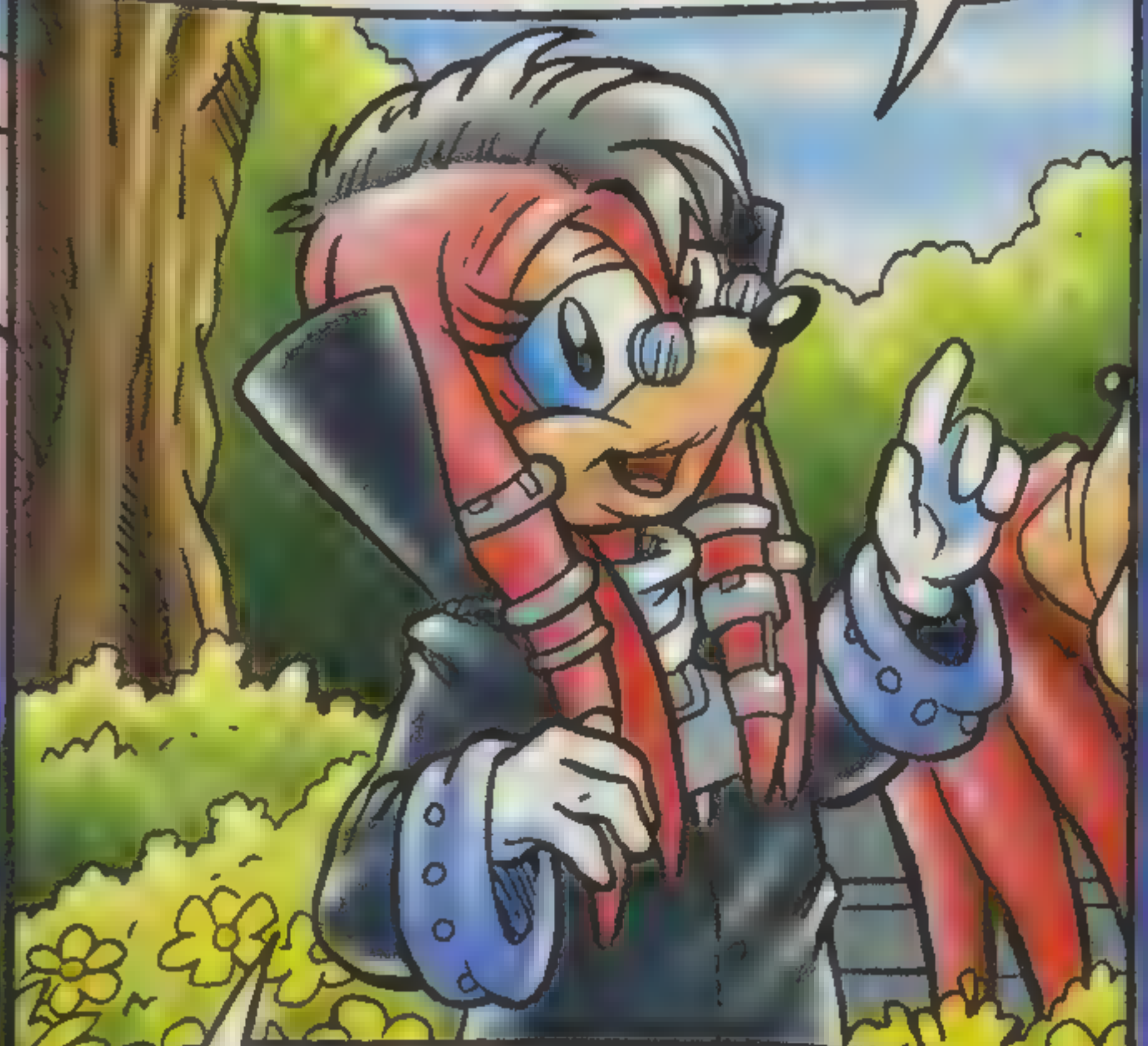
*ECHIDNA EQUIVALENT OF LEGAL AGE--JUSTIN.

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S REALLY--AND TRULY--

--GONE...

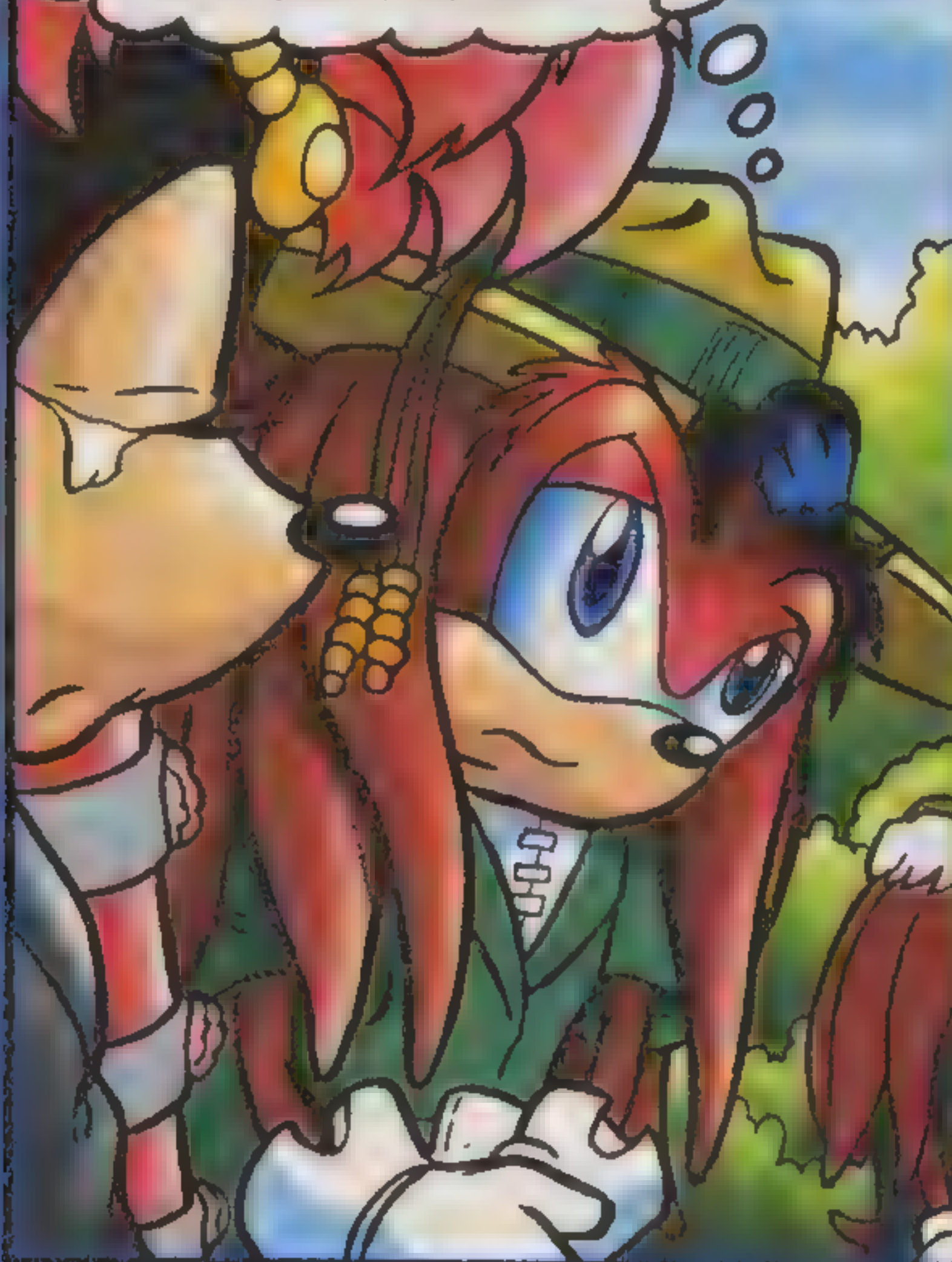


HE WAS OF A NOBLE LINEAGE, THE SEVENTEENTH DEFENDER OF THE CHAOS EMERALD--



--AND GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND--

AND PROBABLY STILL WOULD BE IF I OR MY OFFICERS HAD INTERVENED!



--A SCION OF THE HOUSE OF EDMUND--



--BELOVED SON OF THE FORMER GUARDIAN, LOCKE, AND THE LADY LARA-LE--

OH, WYN!
--SOB--



HERE YOU GO, DARLING!

--A BROTHER, IN THE BROADEST SENSE, TO A SELECT BAND HE TRAVELED WITH--



THE CHAOTIX JUST WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU, KNUX!

--AND A PROTECTOR OF ALL WHO DWELLED IN PEACE UPON THIS LAND!



IT WILL BE A LONG TIME INDEED--



--BEFORE HIS LIKE WALKS
AMONG US AGAIN!

THIS IS SO
WEIRD--
IF I'M DEAD--



--HOW COME I'M WATCHING
MY OWN FUNERAL?



WE OF THE **BROTHERHOOD**
DO NOT SIMPLY "**DIE**"--AS YOU SO
CRUDELY PUT IT, KNUCKLES!

WE
EVOLVE TO
A HIGHER
PLANE!

BROTHER
STEPPENWOLF
IS CORRECT!

WE ARE CONNECTED
TO THE **CHAOS FORCE**--
THAT WHICH BINDS ALL
TOGETHER!

IF
THAT'S SO,
HARLAN--



--THEN WHY CAN'T MY GRANDFATHER
SABRE SEE ME DO THIS?



YOUR FATHER MAY
BE AWARE OF YOUR NEW
STATE OF **BEING**--

--BUT THAT
DOESN'T MAKE
IT ANY LESS
PAINFUL FOR
HIM TO DEAL
WITH!

HE WASN'T
READY FOR YOUR
EVOLUTION
JUST YET!

--AND
SO SHALL
IT BE
WRITTEN,
SO LET IT
BE SAID--

HUH?!

WHAT'S
WITH THE
LIGHT?

ANYTHING
YOU GUYS
FORGOT
TO TELL
ME?!

--THAT AT THE
HOUR OF OUR **FINAL**
JUDGEMENT--

--AS THE **ANGELS**
OF **AURORA** SOUND
THEIR CLARION CALL--

IT'S THE
HERALDS,
KNUCKLES!

THEY'VE
COME TO **ESCORT**
ONE OF US
TO THE **CHAOS**
FORCE!

--AND **ASHES**
TURN TO **ASHES**--

--AND **DUST**
TO **DUST**--

AT LONG LAST,
FATHER, YOU
SHALL BECOME
ONE WITH THE
FORCE!

PERHAPS NOT, MOONWATCHER!
THEY'RE GESTURING TO
ANOTHER!

--SHALL
KNUCKLES
ASCEND TO
HIS **ETERNAL**
DESTINY!

IT IS TIME,
KNUCKLES!

THE
CHAOS
FORCE HAS
CHOSEN
YOU!

MAY
AURORA
GUIDE AND
PROTECT
YOU!

TO BE CONTINUED...

I AM SO
NERVOUS.

CAN'T LET
ANYONE SEE
THAT THOUGH.

JUST
SMILE AND
RELAX.

C'MON,
MINA-GIRL.
SPEAK...

mina the
mongoose

SONG BIRD

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H-HI EVERYBODY.
Um, THIS IS **ACTUALLY**
MY FIRST TIME ON
STAGE.

...AND MY
FIRST TIME
IN FRONT OF SO
MANY
PEOPLE.

I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE
SONIC VOLUNTEERED ME INTO
THIS!! I COULD KILL THAT HEDGEHOG
IF I DIDN'T LIKE HIM SO MUCH!

WHAT DID
SHE SAY SHE
WAS GOING
TO DO?

SHE
DIDN'T.

HEY, SONIC, WHAT GIVES? WHY'D YOU PUT MINA ON THE SPOT LIKE THAT? SHE LOOKS REALLY UNCOMFORTABLE UP THERE.

* see last issue - JFG

'CUZ, LITTLE BUDDY, I HEARD HER SING. SHE MAY NOT BE MUCH OF A FREEDOM FIGHTER, BUT OUR MINA'S A REAL SONG BIRD.*

I HAVEN'T SAID ANYTHING SINCE I LAST SPOKE.

TELL THEM WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SING.

WHAT AM I GOING TO SING?

UH-OH... I'M FREEZING UP.

MY THROAT IS GETTING DRY.

HELP.

C'MON MINA-GIRL... YOU CAN DO IT!

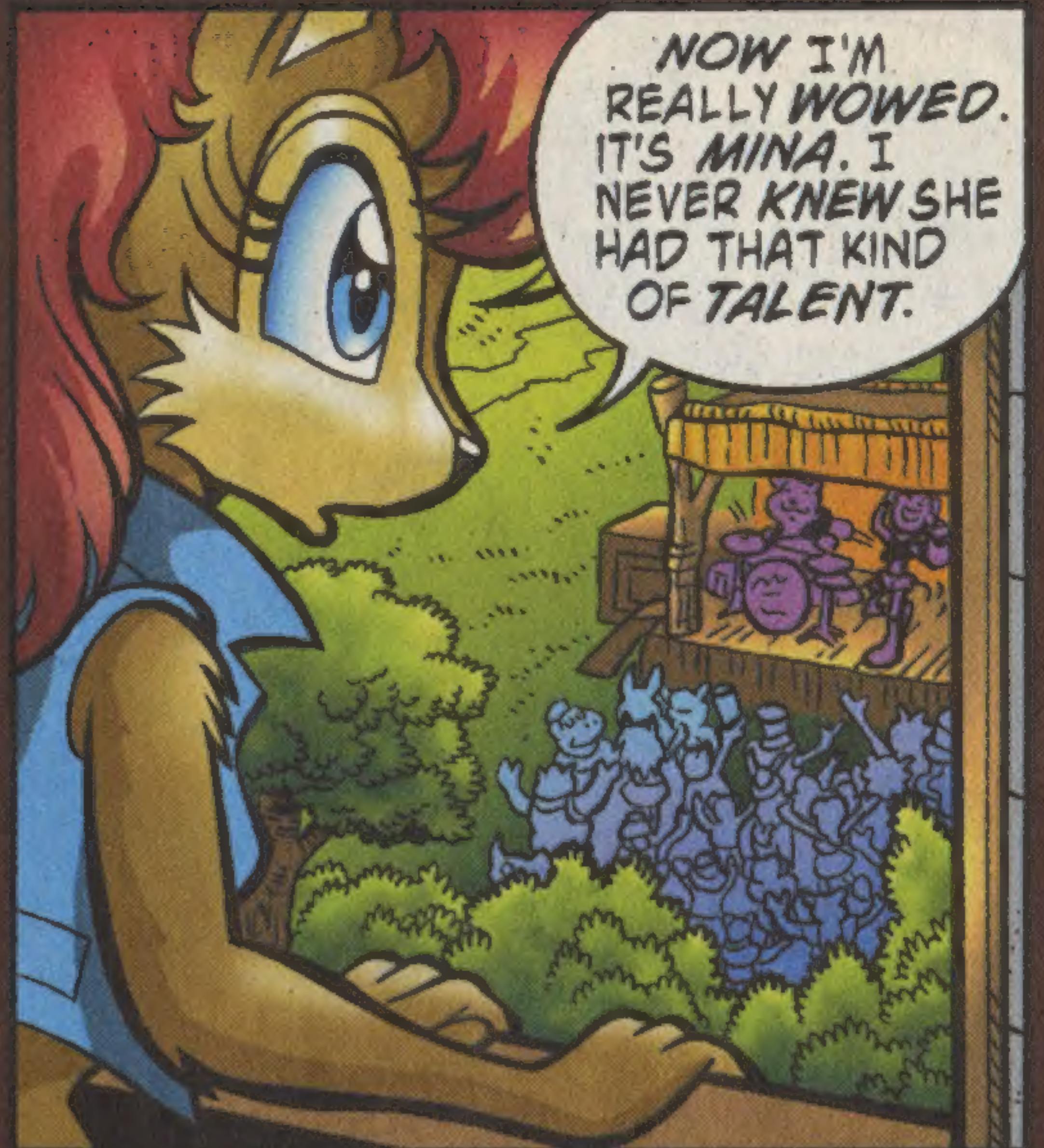
SONIC BELIEVES IN ME.

IF HE BELIEVES IN ME, I SHOULD TOO.

I CAN'T-- WON'T LET HIM DOWN.

ALL RIGHT, BOYS FOLLOW MY LEAD.





**YAY!
ALL RIGHT!**



